

(c) the reasons for the inordinate delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRINAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Pamba Action Plan for the abatement of pollution of river Pamba in Kerala has been approved for an amount of Rs. 18.45 crores under the National River Conservation Plan in May, 2003. The Central share in the project cost is Rs. 12.92 crores and the State government share is Rs. 5.53 crores. Against the Central share, the first instalment amounting to Rs. 75.00 lakhs was released to Kerala in March, 2004 out of which an expenditure of about Rs. 35.00 lakhs approximately has been incurred towards implementation of the Plan.

(c) According to the State Government of Kerala, the reason for delay in execution of the sanctioned works is on account of non-availability of land to the project implementing agencies.

Census of tigers

1104. SHRIMATI HEMAMALINI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tigers existing in the reserve forests of the country, State-wise;

(b) when the last tiger census took place and when the next census is expected to be carried out;

(c) the number of tigers died of poaching, poisoning and electrocution during the last three years, reserve forest-wise;

(d) whether Government have taken any step for anti-poaching, anti-poisoning and electrocution; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Reserve forest wise collation of tiger estimation is not maintained at the Government of India level. The All India estimation of tiger is carried out once in every four years, and the State-wise tiger estimation figures pertaining to the last such estimation, as received from States, is at Statement. {Refer to the Statement-II appended to the Answer to Unstarred Question 1101 (d)} The

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All India Estimation of tiger using the refined methodology as approved by the Tiger Task Force is ongoing.

(c) State-wise details on death of tigers due to poaching and natural causes, as reported by States, is given in the Statement (See below). Reserve forest wise details regarding death on account of various causes are not collated at the Government of India level.

(d) The steps taken by Government of India for conservation of wild animals including tiger are given in the Statement. [Refer to the Statement-I appended to the Answer to Unstarred Question 1101 (d)]

(e) Question does not arise.

Statement

Tiger deaths, due to natural causes and poaching

State	Mortality (1999-2004)		
	Tiger deaths owing to natural causes	Tiger deaths due to poaching	Total
Andhra Pradesh	1	7	8
Assam	10	12	22
, Bihar	1	3	4
Chhattisgarh	—	3	3
Karnataka	4	6	10
Kerala	1	1	2
Maharashtra	5	28	33
Madhya Pradesh	24	15	39
Orissa	2	1	3
Rajasthan	4	6	10
Tamil Nadu	1	3	4
Uttaranchal	13	10	23
Uttar Pradesh	16	28	44
West Bengal	—	7	7
TOTAL:	82	130	212